THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The draft 8th plan proposals envisage addition of around 71000 lines and replacement /Automatisation of around 25400 lines mostly by Electronic equipment during the plan period in Himachal Pradesh Telecom Circle. To modernise the telecommunication services the draft 8th plan proposals include:

— Full automation of network by march '1994.

- Replacement of life expired and worn-out equipment by electronic equipment.

- Practically all new equipment proposed for induction during the 8th Plan period to be of digital type.

- Computerisation of telecomunication services such as directory enquiry, billing, manual trunk service etc.

- Replacement of all stodgier MAX-III exchanges by electronic exchanges (as par of the programme to provide national subscriber dialling to all exchanges.

- Provision of Subscriber Trunk Dialling facility to all exchanges.

Occupancy rate in Kanishka Hotel

3023. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIAION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of occupancy in the Kanishka Hotel and the amount realised from room occupancy during each of the last two years; and

(b) the expenditure incurred and percentage of receipts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIAION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVI RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The requisite information is given below:-

	1989-90	*1990-91*
	(Rs in Lakhs)	
Occupancy %	71	52
Room revenue	549.39	462.92
Total turnover	861.25	738.12
Total operating expenditure	581.62	620.71
%age of operating expenditure over turnover	67.53	84.09